IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of PATENT APPLICATION **AMEND** ONCHUEN (DARYN) LAU et al. Attorney Docket: Inventor(s): ZETTA-01001US0GG SC/Serial No.: Art Unit: Not-yet-assigned Not-yet-assigned Filed: Herewith Examiner: Not-yet-assigned Title: MULTISERVICE SWITCHING SYSTEM WITH DISTRIBUTED SWITCH FABRIC Customer No.: 23910 Patent Term Adjust Info PTO Mailed Date: N/A PTO Effective Receipt Date:

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified non-provisional application which is being filed concurrently herewith, as indicated below.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 2, lines 1-5, please replace original paragraph [0003] with the following substitute paragraph [0003]:

--[0003] (A) Ser. No. 09/xxx,xxx, filed concurrently herewith by Christopher I.W. Norrie, Matthew D. Ornes, and Gene K. Chui which is originally entitled, METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ERROR CORRECTION OVER SERIAL LINK.--

Page 5, line 18- page 6, line 8, please replace original paragraph [0012] with the following, substitute paragraph [0012]:

--po12 Growth of traffic may be further attributed to yet other forms of digital content which allow for some perturbations in latency and/or real-time continuity

such as may be allowed to occur when computer databases are queried on an 'on-line' or real-time basis. Users of the latter are often willing to wait a short while for results to come pouring back. Given that there is a spectrum of different kinds of traffic extending from those which have very strict requirements for on-time and sequential delivery of payload data to those (e.g., IP) which have very loose requirements for on-time and sequential delivery, it is desirable to develop scalable and efficient methods for moving all kinds of traffic within this spectrum through telecommunications networks.--

Remarks

The application is amended to improve its form. (The word processing program for unknown reasons, blanked out the first line of paragraph [0012], "Growth ... to yet" even though the same had appeared in earlier drafts proofed by the inventors. This concurrently-filed Preliminary Amendment fixes the blank-out error.)

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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